

Members of FFC,

I would like to speak to you on the issue of NAB petition 04-160 in regards to discontinued use of XM Instant Traffic and Weather. Within the last 5 months, I became a XM member. I have enjoyed the options of being able to listen to any number of things such as weather, music, comedy, tv, and traffic depending on my mood and distance of my drive. I live in Mississippi and I drive to North Carolina, Tennessee, Florida, Alabama, and Louisiana on many occasions visiting friends and family and quite often I might add! I like the flexibility that XM offers. Local radio stations are set to play a fixed music category, and they have weather or news updates only available at set times. Most of the times when I need to listen to weather and traffic reports I have to search what stations are available when traveling across states, because I'm unfamiliar with their stations. With XM, I have everything available to me when I need it without having to search. I would also like to remind you that I do pay for this service. With regular radio stations I would grumble when I wasn't able to find a certain station or if I couldn't find a certain sports game on AM ... but I really couldn't complain cause after all it was free! Now I never have to miss that Nascar race, or the baseball game, or even the presidential speech that may be offered on the CNN channel. I'm up to date with everything that is going on around me and regular radio can't provide me that. I must say that times have changed over the years and better is not always bad! We, as Americans, living in an ever so fast paced world of change, are so well equipped to making things better and yet there are others who are just afraid of change. Why can't the FCC continue to do as it has always done and operate in a world of no changes and leave those alone that want to excel in this thing we call life?